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SUBJ: IMPOUNDMENT OF ROBERT VESCO JET

REF: STATE 098277 PANAMA 2709

SUMMARY: LOCAL PRESS OF MAY 13, 1974, CONTAINED STORY ABOUT FLIGHT FROM PANAMA OF VESCO JET AND SUBSEQUENT IMPOUNDMENT IN NEWARK, N.J. DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION GAVE PERMISSION TO CAPT. A. L. EISENHauer, REPRESENTATIVE OF FAIRFIELD GENERAL CORP., TO FLY THE PLANE TO MIAMI FOR MAINTENANCE ON MAY 9, 1974, AND STATED THERE ARE NO LEGAL PROBLEMS CONCERNING THE PLANE'S DEPARTURE. END SUMMARY.

1. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE STAR AND HERALD, DATELINE NEWARK, N.J., BY RICHARD PEINCIK, ROBERT VESCO'S BOEING 707 JET WAS FLOWN BY A CAPTAIN A. L. EISENHauer TO NEWARK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND IMPOUNDED BY RECEIVERS OF ONE OF VESCO'S FORMER CORPORATIONS, FAIRFIELD GENERAL CORP. THE ARTICLE QUOTES ATTORNEY JAY BENENSON, A COURT APPOINTED RECEIVER OF FAIRFIELD GENERAL CORP., AS SAYING THAT VESCO HAD BEEN USING THE PLANE SUBSEQUENT TO ITS SALE IN DECEMBER OF 1973 TO A BAHAMAS CORPORATION, AIR INTER-SALES, WHICH HAS NEVER MADE A PAYMENT OF PURCHASE.

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2. CAPT. MIGUEL VON SEIDLITZ, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, TOLD EMBOFF THAT THE PLANE WAS FLOWN TO PANAMA FROM CARACAS ON APRIL 5, 1974, BUT DID NOT FILE A "GENERAL DECLARATION". HE SAID THAT PAN AMERICAN PROVIDED GROUND SERVICING FOR THE AIRCRAFT AND THAT EISENHAUER PRESENTED A CARD OF INTRODUCTION FROM A PAN AMERICAN EMPLOYEE. OTHERS AT THE PANAMANIAN CIVIL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION REMEMBER EISENBAUER AS A FORMER PAN AMERICAN PILOT. AT VON SEIDLITZ'S REQUEST, EISENHAUER, ACTING IN CAPACITY OF DIRECTOR OF AVIATION OF OWNER OF AIRCRAFT, PROVIDED A WRITTEN APPLICATION TO "FLY THE AIRCRAFT TO PAN AMERICAN, MIAMI, FOR MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION" WHILE AT THE SAME TIME APOLOGIZING FOR FAILURE OF THE PLANE'S ORIGINAL PILOT TO FOLLOW PANAMANIAN REGULATIONS. EISENHAUER FILED A DEPARTURE "GENERAL DECLARATION" AND WAS GIVEN PERMISSION BY VON SEIDLITZ TO DEPART PANAMA WITH THE AIRCRAFT. THE PLANE DEPARTED TOCUMEN AIRPORT ON MAY 9, 1974.

3. VON SEIDLITZ STATED THAT THERE ARE NO LEGAL PROBLEMS CONCERNING THE AFFAIR AS FAR AS PANAMA IS CONCERNED.  
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